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Letter from Eleanor Blair, Wellesley, Massachusetts,
to Mr. D.C. Blair, Montour Falls, New York, 1916
April 15

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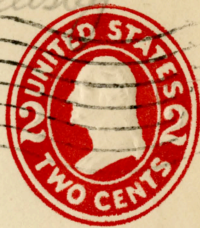
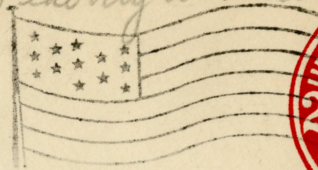
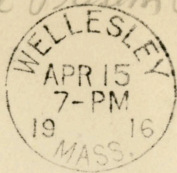
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Josephine Preston Peabody at Wellesley



Mr. L. C. Blair
Montour Falls
New York.

Wellesley, Mass.,
15 April, 1916.

Dearest family,

Mutter's letter came this morning with the suggestion that I stop at Montrose on my way home. I had forgotten that I come through Alford on the way from New York. And it will really be much better that way won't it? I didn't like the idea of being home just long enough to want to be there longer, and then have to leave right away.

Winnetta is very anxious for me to come up to Westport from T.C. for a few days, and was much grieved when I got Pop's letter concerning the

wedding. So if I do get through at
T.D. before it is time to go to Montrose
I can visit Westport.

Aren't you glad you know Helen
Potter, Mutter? She is Vice President
of D.G. and Dot Rhodes is President.
I was put on Joint Committee, not a
very strenuous job as it meets
sometimes once a year, sometimes not
at all.

Speaking of elections & announcements
Thursday afternoon, I had the best
time ever that P. M. Perhaps you
have heard me speak of Josephine
Preston Peabody who wrote The Piper,
1915's Senior play, and many other
dramas and poems. You know I
had her Book of the Little Past down
on the list of books I wanted.

Well, she was here Thursday afternoon.

to read some of her poems. Billings
Hall was jing gull, and everyone was
charmed especially with her child
poems - they are fully as good, I think,
as Stevenson's. As she is a T. J. E.
member, we had a tea for her down
at the house, and had a chance to
meet her & talk to her. She told us
delightful stories about her children,
especially little Alice ^{aged seven} who writes
poetry - and writes some really
wonderful things for a child of that
age. One night when Mr. Masefield
was at dinner with Mrs. Marks -

J. P. Peabody - little Alice came in
and seeing Mr. Masefield said
"Oh mamma, isn't it nice to have
four poets in the house."

On being asked how she got
four poets, she answered,
"Oh, I and brother, and Mamma
and Mr. Masefield."

I couldn't resist the temptation to
go over to the book store & get The
Book of the Little Past and have
Mrs. Marks autograph it, which
she did also writing in a quotation
for me. Isn't that nice? She is going to
bring her children out some day - I'd
give anything to have a chance to
play with some youngster,

Lunch bell has rung, so love to
all,
Eleanor.